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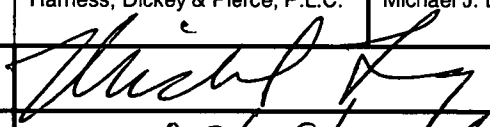
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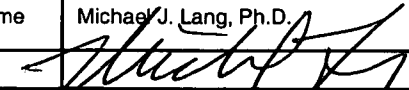
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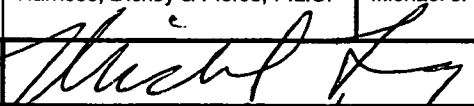
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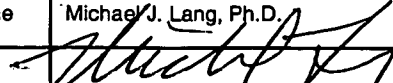
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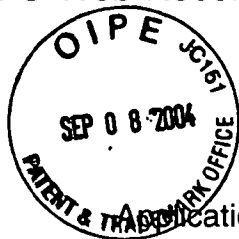
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

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The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

II. COPIES

A. ____ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cross-referenced pending U.S. application listed below in Section IV, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

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D. _____ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. If the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

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A. X Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

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C. X The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

The following references appear somewhat more relevant than others cited herein: U.S. Patent Nos. 3,919,881; 3,988,704; 4,819,239; 4,913,934; 5,048,029; 5,585,913; 6,480,656; 6,504,612; and Weiner, A.M. (2000); Zheng, Z. (2001); Lozovoy, V.V. (2003). Notwithstanding, the Examiner is requested to review all of the cited references and make his/her own relevancy determinations.

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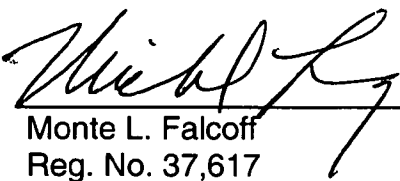
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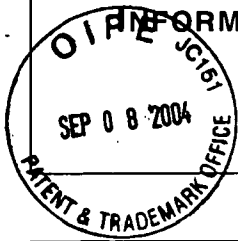
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